Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Kenneth E. Barker was born on December 11, 1957, at Chadron, Nebraska, to Kenneth and Verna Barker; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Ken graduated from South Dakota State University in 1982, The University of South Dakota School of Law in 1985, and now practices in the Barker Wilson Law Firm in Belle Fourche, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Ken was a member of the Game, Fish and Parks Commission for 8 years, served as chairman, and provided much appreciated free legal advice to the department; and,

Whereas, Ken has distinguished himself as a businessman and community leader, an avid hunter and sports fanatic, and a good friend to many; and,

Whereas, Ken will observe his 50th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather on December 8, 2007, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 11, 2007, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State